

9 FAM Appendix C, SIERRA LEONE

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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHSD
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-293; 06-18-2001)

Presidential Proclamation No. 7062 of Jan. 14, 1998.

Entry into the United States of certain categories of Sierra Leonean citizens has been prohibited by a Presidential proclamation enacted on January 14, 1998. Since that time, the names of individuals targeted by that proclamation have been entered into CLASS under code DPT-00. Special clearance procedures for citizens of Sierra Leone, therefore, are necessary only under the following circumstances:

a. CLASS namecheck returns a 00 hit or an actual or quasi entry (preceded by letter P) for any INA 212(a)(3) ineligibility—i.e., terrorism or foreign policy, or:

b. The consular officer has reason to believe an applicant may be ineligible under any part of INA 212(a)(3) based on information on the application or derived from other sources.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-216; 10-31-2000)

Unavailable.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA-216; 10-31-2000)

Available. May be obtained from the Director of Prison, Prison Headquarters, New England, Freetown.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-216; 10-31-2000)

Available. May be obtained from the Records Officer, Republic of Sierra Leone Military Forces, Wilberforce, Freetown.

Birth or Death Certificate

(TL:VISA-216; 10-31-2000)

Available. A certified copy of an entry in the register of births or deaths may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar of Births and Deaths, 3 Wilberforce St., Freetown. Local registrars record births and deaths outside of Freetown. When registry volumes are full, usually after a period of several years, they are forwarded to the central archives of the Freetown Registrar. Therefore, records of recent births and deaths outside Freetown are available only at the local registries.

Marriage Record

(TL:VISA-216; 10-31-2000)

Available. Four types of marriages are recognized as legal in Sierra Leone: civil, native (also called customary), Moslem and Christian. All civil and Christian marriages are required to be registered. Certified copies of certificates of registered marriages are available from the Office of the Registrar General, Walpole Street, Freetown. Certificates of Moslem marriages are also available from the mosque where they were performed; a certificate of a native marriage may also be obtained from the local authority that sanctioned the marriage.

Divorce Record

(TL:VISA-216; 10-31-2000)

Available. Divorces of people married in civil and Christian ceremonies must be granted by the courts, and, therefore, are registered. Certified copies of these divorce decrees are available from the Master and Registrar, High Court, Freetown. A certificate of Moslem divorce may be obtained from the mosque that sanctioned the divorce, and a certificate of native divorce may be obtained from the local authority that sanctioned the divorce. If a Moslem or native divorce was also registered with the civil authorities, a certified copy may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar General, Walpole Street, Freetown.

Passports - Information On Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-425; 06-10-2002)

Effective June 05, 2002, only machine-readable Sierra Leonean passports will be valid for travel. All Sierra Leone passports (diplomatic, service and ordinary) that are machine-readable have green covers. The bio data page contains a photodigitized picture of the bearer as well as a smaller copy of the same photo.

Immigrant Visas: 9 FAM 42.64 discusses passport requirements for immigrant visa applicants. Generally, the passport must be valid for at least (60) days beyond visa validity. The Government of Sierra Leone decision on passport validity produces the following results:

(1) If the alien is exempt from the passport requirement under 9 FAM 42.2, post may continue to process the case despite the presentation of the old passport, but post must annotate the visa properly to indicate that the visa was issued based on a passport exemption (see 9 FAM 42.64 PN1); and

(2) In most other cases, no immigrant visas can be issued if an old passport is presented because it is impossible for the passport to be valid for 60 days beyond the visa's expiration date. In such cases, the alien must either be required to obtain a new, machine-readable Sierra Leone passport or the alien must apply for and obtain an individual passport waiver under 22 CFR 42.2(g).

Nonimmigrant Visas: Unless the alien benefits from a waiver of the passport requirement, posts may not issue nonimmigrant visas to applicants bearing non-machine-readable Sierra Leone passports because INA 212(a)(7)(B) requires nonimmigrant visa applicants to have a passport with at least six months of validity. Posts are reminded that, for nonimmigrant visa applicants who are unable to obtain a machine-readable Sierra Leone passport and who are otherwise qualified for a visa, they may consider recommending an emergency passport waiver to INS under INA 212(d)(4) if the purpose of travel is of compelling humanitarian or U.S. Government concern. Such a visa would be issued on Form OF-232, *Nonimmigrant Visa Stamp* Form.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-235; 02-05-2001)

NIV applications for nationals of Sierra Leone are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Conakry, Guinea.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

(TL:VISA-216; 10-31-2000)

All of Sierra Leone.